

Order

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Amendment of Rules 1.109 and
2.113 of the Michigan Court Rules

**Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan**

Maura D. Corrigan,
Chief Justice

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Stephen J. Markman,
Justices

On order of the Court, notice of the proposed changes and an opportunity for comment in writing and at a public hearing having been provided, and consideration having been given to the comments received, the following amendments of Rules 1.109 and 2.113 of the Michigan Court Rules are adopted, to be effective January 1, 2004.

[Additions to Rules 1.109 and 2.113 are indicated below
by underlining and deletions are indicated by strikeover.]

Rule 1.109 ~~Letter-Size Paper~~ and Type-Size Standard

(A) All pleadings and other papers prepared for filing in the courts of this state must be on good quality 8½- by 11-inch paper ~~not exceeding 8½ inches wide by 11 inches long,~~ and the print must be no smaller than 12-point type. This requirement does not apply to

(1) forms approved by the State Court Administrative Office, and

(2) attachments and exhibits, but parties are encouraged to reduce or enlarge such papers to 8½ by 11 inches, if practical.

(B) Court clerks may not accept nonconforming papers except on written direction of a judge.

Rule 2.113 Form of Pleadings and Other Papers

(A) [Unchanged.]

(B) Preparation. Every pleading must be legibly ~~typewritten or printed in ink~~ in the English language in type no smaller than 12 point.

(C) - (G) [Unchanged.]

Staff Comment: The September 30, 2003 amendment of Rules 1.109 and 2.113 of the Michigan Court Rules, effective January 1, 2004, established a uniform type-size standard for all papers filed in Michigan courts. This conforms to the 12-point minimum that is required for briefs filed at the Court of Appeals, MCR 7.212(B), and applications and briefs filed at the Supreme Court, MCR 7.302, 7.304, 7.306, and 7.309. There is an exception for court forms approved by the State Court Administrative Office. The change does not preclude the filing of typewritten or legible handwritten pleadings, provided they meet the size requirements.

The staff comment is published only for the benefit of the bench and bar and is not an authoritative construction by the Court.



I, CORBIN R. DAVIS, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

September 30, 2004 Corbin R. Davis

Clerk